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In re Application of James V. Young Application No. 09/176,866 Filed: October 22, 1998 Attorney Docket No. 6996

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ON PETITION

This is a decision on the renewed petition filed April 22, 2003 under 37 CFR 1,137 (b) to revive the above-identified application.

The petition under 37 CFR 1.137 (b) is **GRANTED**.

The above-identified application became abandoned as a result of petitioner's failure to file an appeal brief (and fee required by 37 CFR 1.17(c)) within the time period provided in 37 CFR 1.192(a). As an appeal brief (and appeal brief fee) was not filed within two (2) months of the Notice of Appeal filed June 12, 2002 and no extensions of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) were obtained, the appeal was dismissed and the proceedings as to the rejected claims were terminated. See 37 CFR 1.192(b) & 1.197(c). As no claim was allowed, the-above-identified application became abandoned on August 13, 2002. See MPEP 1215.04.

This application is being forwarded to Technology Center 3700 for review of the Appeal Brief filed April 22, 2003.

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